## **WILL SIGNAL MARS** FROM GAS BALLOON 50,000 FEET IN AIR

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OMAHA, Neb., April 14.-The at tempt by Prof. David Todd of Amherst College to signal Mars from a Lie Stevens, balloon expert at Fort Omaha, whose gas bag will be used in the effort. The professor suggested next week because Mars then will be nearest the earth.

In a telegram to Lieut, Col. Jacob Wuest, commander of Fort Omaha, Prof. Todd referred to the apparatus he will use to ascertain whether sound waves or ether disturbances are coming from the far away planet and whether they are electrical or

The tests, Prof. Todd said, will be made with a recorder he has worked on for several years. The device carries records sensitive to all atmospheric waves and which will hold impressions made in such form that they may be studied when the balloon has returned to earth.

To ascertain the chemical compo sition of the air at each altitude, ried. These will be opened at various altitudes and the air collected. It will be subjected to an analysis after the balloon has descended.

Dust particles in the atmosphere will be examined by means of apparatus furnished by Prof. R. W. Wood of Johns Hopkins University.

Experis from the Rockefeller Institute are preparing methods for studying the pathological and physiological properties held in the upper air. The bearing of pressure changes

on cures for various diseases, they said, will be of especial interest.

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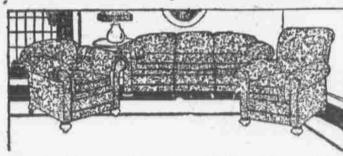
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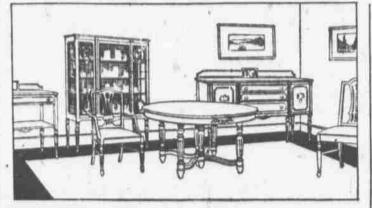
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